

## **NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**

### **ACTION OF THE COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

Prayer offered by Councilwoman Mamie B. Johnson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present: Ms. Johnson, Mr. Smigiel, Dr. Whibley, Ms. Williams and Mr. Winn.

Acting President Williams moved to excuse Mayor Fraim and Mr. Riddick from today's meeting.

#### **Motion adopted.**

Yes: Johnson, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Whibley, Williams and Winn.

No: None.

Acting President Williams moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

#### **Motion adopted.**

Yes: Johnson, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Whibley, Williams and Winn.

No: None.

### **CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

Acting President Williams proclaimed the month of April as International Month. Trish Carrier accepted the Proclamation on behalf of NATOFest, Virginia Arts Festival, Norfolk Sister City Association and the Norfolk Public Library.

Acting President Williams announced that at the March 10 meeting council continued the public hearing on Talbot Hall until tonight's meeting. Given the apparent agreement on the zoning and preservation of Talbot hall, the public hearing on rezoning Talbot hall has been taken off the agenda.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

R-1

Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance permitting John W. Phipps, Jr. and Billie G. Phipps to encroach into Beach Avenue, a paper street, at **305 East 40<sup>th</sup> Street**, with a five-foot (5') wide wooden pier," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

**ACTION:** The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective March 24, 2015.

Yes: Johnson, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Whibley, Williams and Winn.

No: None.

R-2

Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance approving an Encroachment Agreement with Little Dog Diner, LLC, dba the "New" Donut Dinette, for property at **1917 Colley Avenue**," was introduced in writing and read by its title.

**ACTION:** The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective March 24, 2015.

Yes: Johnson, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Whibley, Williams and Winn.

No: None.

R-3

Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance approving the acquisition of a **temporary construction easement from Norfolk Southern Railway Co.** relative to the construction of the Elizabeth River Trail; authorizing the expenditure of the sum of \$5000.00 from funds hereto appropriated to acquire the said easement; and authorizing the City Manager to accept a Deed of Easement on behalf of the City,” was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Ellis James, 2012 Kenlake Place, spoke in support of this matter.

**ACTION:** The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective March 24, 2015.

Yes: Johnson, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Whibley, Williams and Winn.

No: None.

R-4

Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance accepting the donation of two Signet Systems DC Fast Chargers valued at \$43,000 for public use from the **Virginia Clean Cities Coalition**,” was introduced in writing and read by its title.

Ellis James, 2021 Kenlake Place, spoke in support of this matter.

**ACTION:** The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective March 24, 2015.

Yes: Johnson, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Whibley, Williams and Winn.

No: None.

R-5

Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to amend Section 14.1-112, Lafayette-Winona Precinct, **SO AS TO** change the name of its voting place,” was introduced in writing and read by its title.

**ACTION:** The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective March 24, 2015.

Yes: Johnson, Protogyrou, Smigiel, Whibley, Williams and Winn.

No: None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. George Banks, 1736 E commented on the money set aside in the budget for community housing. James Rogers stated that everything Mr. Banks spoke about had been taken care of.
2. James Palmer, 6003 Old Phillips Road, spoke on his properties at 6001 and 6003 Old Phillips Road and trying to stay in compliance with the City Code but needs help.
3. Joe Cook, 1147 Surrey Crescent, asked that the traffic light be repaired at Jamestown Crescent promptly, asked for a left-hand turn signal for same light. He also stated that new business speakers should be televised and 3 minute time clock be visible for the public to see.
4. Chuck Brewer, 222 Beck Street, spoke about the Norfolk Public School System and the failures of the Norfolk School Board.
5. Donald Hornstein, 608 Colonial Avenue, #5, spoke about the building at 161 Granby Street.
6. Danny Lee Ginn, 3845 Dare Circle, stated that the council should take a no confidence vote against Mr. Riddick.